

1 in the minds of some delegates late this Friday evening  
2 is the thought that that was yesterday and why bring  
3 it up today? Several reasons why really.

4 First because I deem it important to set the  
5 record straight. Second, our actions of today on the  
6 district court set-up may require us to reconsider our  
7 actions on the commissioners. Third, this power as it  
8 now stands, that is, this appointment power, as it now  
9 stands, must be considered in the light of what checks  
10 and balances we are going to retain in the people on  
11 judicial discretion. Fourth, if we can ponder the  
12 constitutional history of Maryland over the last hundred  
13 years, certainly we can consider our actions of less than  
14 24 hours ago, particularly when we are still at sea.

15 So with nothing more than a backward glance  
16 and the satisfaction, slight as it may be, that I said some-  
17 thing for me at least that had to be said, I now  
18 embark with you on our journey to Missouri by way of the  
19 River Niles. On the matter of selection and tenure, the  
20 first question the Convention must decide is are we going  
21 to change our method of selecting and electing judges?